



PAPUA NEW GUINEA
JOINT AGENCY TASK FORCE
NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTRE 19
(JATFNOC19)



STATE OF EMERGENCY
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act)*, hereby issue the following Direction.

EMERGENCY DIRECTION – ARRIVALS PROCESS

1. Approval to Reenter PNG – Controller Approval

- a. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (**DFAIT**) shall receive requests for PNG Citizens and Permanent Residents seeking to return to PNG.
- b. NOC at covid19-admin.logistics@police.gov.pg shall receive requests for non-citizens and non-permanent residents seeking to enter PNG.
- c. DFAIT shall submit requests to approve incoming PNG Citizens and Permanent Residents to the Emergency Controller for Approval.
- d. The Emergency Controller shall either approve or not approve a person to return to PNG.

2. Approval Granted to Return

- a. The National Operations Centre shall keep a spreadsheet of all approved persons to enter PNG. This shall include the following information; date of approval, name of approved persons, date of birth, passport number & citizenship, departure port/country, quarantine address and arrival date.
- b. Upon approval being granted the Emergency Controller or his delegate shall provide this approval to:
 - i. DFAIT in the case of PNG Citizens and Permanent Residents; and
 - ii. Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority (**ICA**).

3. Airline Booking Information to ICA

- a. Airflight operators shall provide to ICA, the details of all persons who have booked tickets to enter PNG at least 24 hours prior to that person travelling to PNG.
- b. Should a person not have approval from the Emergency Controller to enter PNG, ICA shall inform the relevant airflight operator.
- c. An airflight operator who fails to take reasonable steps to ensure a person has approval to enter PNG shall be deemed to have breached the relevant Orders regarding International Travel.

4. Arrival

- a. ICA
 - i. ICA shall check all incoming persons for authorization from the Emergency Controller to enter PNG.
 - ii. ICA shall verify location of quarantine for all incoming persons.





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- iii. ICA shall provide the following information to the Emergency Controller or his delegate within 24 hours of a person entering PNG:
 1. name;
 2. passport number;
 3. citizenship;
 4. place of quarantine; and
 5. date of arrival.
 - b. Emergency Controller
 - i. The National Operations Centre shall update the spread sheet with the relevant information provided to them by the ICA.
 - c. Health Check & Safety Measures
 - i. The National Airports Corporation shall test every incoming person's temperature (see *Quarantine Protocols Direction*);
 - ii. All passengers are to wear a mask upon disembarking and throughout the arrival terminal, customs and transfer to their accommodation;
 - iii. Hygiene & Social distancing shall be enforced by the National Airports Corporation throughout the airport terminal;
 - iv. Physical barriers shall be used by the National Airports Corporation to stop any interaction between arrivals into country and departures from country and non-travelling public.
- 5. Hotel Quarantine**
- a. DFAIT shall 24 hours prior to a PNG Citizen or Permanent Resident arriving into PNG, advise the hotel at which this person shall be quarantined, of the person's arrival date and time.
 - b. Hotels shall advise the Emergency Controller or his delegate, 24 hours prior to the end of a person's quarantine that a quarantine period is ending.
 - c. Hotels shall arrange airport transfers which will include precautionary hygiene measures utilizing a mask for the driver and all passengers.
 - d. All persons shall be tested during the quarantine period.

6. Medivac Flights

- a. Medivac flights are exempted from this Direction.

A breach of this Direction is an offence under Section 10 of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020*.

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Emergency Controller



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